

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

1. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals;

A' represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements;

B represents ~~at least one element selected from Ti, Zr, and Hf~~;

B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, Ti, ~~Zr, Hf~~, Rh, and Pt) and Al;

N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt;

x represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 \leq x \leq 0.4$ ;

y represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 \leq y < 0.5$ ;

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ ; and

$x \llbracket [X] \rrbracket$  represents 0 when N represents Pt alone.

2. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr, and Ba in the general formula (1).

3. (Currently Amended) The catalyst composition according to claim 2, wherein  $y \llbracket [A] \rrbracket$  represents 0 ~~Ca when N represents Pt~~ in the general formula (1).

4. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein x represents 0 in the general formula (1).

5-7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba;

B represents ~~at least one element selected from Ti and Zr~~;

N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

9. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (3):

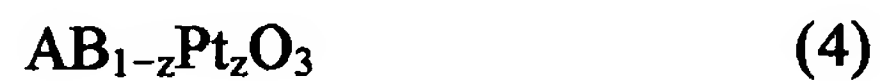


wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba;

B represents Ti; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

10. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (4):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca and Ba;

B represents ~~at least one element selected from Ti and Zr~~; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < z \leq 0.5$ .

11-20. (Canceled).